



**Application for Water Trails Site Planning
and Work Crew Assistance:**



Due Nov. 29, 2013

Submit Applications via e-mail to Luke Wright & Zach Kopriva

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Site planning and project implementation assistance is available for well-designed projects related to water trails and low-head dam safety in Iowa. Only project sites on designated water trails or water trails under development are eligible (except where there is a safety concern at a dam not on a water trail). The purpose of this application is intended to provide enhancements or specialized skills for installation or construction projects in the dynamic river setting. It is not intended to replace regular maintenance duties, such as silt removal at boat ramps or replacing existing signs. Only projects that can be planned, permitted, and constructed within a two-year time frame will be selected.

This is not a funding source, but is to be used for limited design, planning, and crew work, materials, and heavy equipment contracting. A materials budget may be allotted to your project after it is accepted, determined, and designed on or around Jan. 15. Please refer to the guidelines in the [Water Trails Design Manual](#), found at <http://www.iowadnr.gov/riverprograms/watertrails.html>, before completing the application.

Applications are due Nov. 29, 2013. We encourage inviting our staff to the site for a pre-review, prior to submitting your application, but cannot guarantee a visit prior to the application deadline. E-mail or call Luke Wright (319-930-0125) with any questions.

You are welcome to attend the scoring meeting on Wednesday, December 11th from 1:00pm to 3:00pm. The meeting will take place at the Wallace Building State Office Building, 502 East 9th Street, Des Moines, Iowa. The meeting room will be **conference room 5 west (5W)** located on the 5th floor. Results will be released by the following day.

Examples of past projects include, but are not limited to:

- Dam warning sign plans and installations.
- Installation of water trail signage at access sites (not road or bridge signage).
- Portage trail or carry-down trail construction.
- Limited scale universal accessibility access projects.
- Canoe or kayak launch/landing construction.
- Clearing and parking lots.
- Paddle-in campsite construction.
- Snag / logjam mitigation projects.
- Storm water infiltration, bio-retention, and filter strips to manage run off.
- Improvements to existing accesses and parking areas

Current priorities are to enhance recreation safety at dams, installation of water trail signage, universal accessibility design projects, removal of river obstructions for safe passage, and water access redesign and construction.

Services You Can Expect

Upon request, as project design is developed, the crew can include the following equipment and operating skills:

- Project location/planning/design
- Permitting
- Signage plans
- Trained chainsaw operation, including boat based operation and log jam modifications
- Equipment including 2 walk-behind tracked skid-steers (500-1,000 lbs. tipping point) with multiple attachments, gator with dump box, gas powered drill/cutter, gas powered jackhammer, plate compactor
- Rental Equipment including tracked skid steers and excavators.
- Contractor management
- Canoes, kayaks and a motorized jon boat
- Minor carpentry
- Concrete path work (8 foot wide or less)

Application is for work in the following calendar year (work season is approximately July 15 to Nov. 15). Use the following **checklist** to ensure all needed forms are supplied:

- A. Contact information
- B. Project Background/Overview
- C. Application Ranking Criteria
- D. Drawings/Maps of Project Area(s)

A. CONTACT INFORMATION

Water Trail Name: _____

Project Name: _____

Applicant:

Name of Applicant: _____

Organization Applying with/for: _____

Contact Phone Numbers: (w) _____ (c) _____

Contact Email Address: _____

County: _____

Project Site #1: (Each land-holding entity will need to enter an assistance agreement with the DNR)

Project Name / Description: _____

Project Address: _____

Land Manager Name / Phone / E-Mail _____

GPS Points (UTM): _____

Project Site #2: (add additional sites as needed)

Project Name / Description: _____

Project Address: _____

Land Manager Name / Phone / E-Mail _____

GPS Points (UTM): _____

If there are any questions please e-mail Luke Wright at Luke.Wright@dnr.iowa.gov.

Overview Map

Please add a map of the water trail or river with existing water accesses. Show locations of project sites corresponding to numbers above. If you are applying for sign installations and a professionally designed signage plan is complete, please indicate that here and add it as an attachment.

PROJECT BACKGROUND/OVERVIEW: What is the basic overview of the project work being requested? Is there a preferred timeline during the work season? **(15 Points)**

B. APPLICATION RANKING CRITERIA

1. Describe the significance of the project, or projects, to the local water trails systems, in terms of unique or important: amenities, conservation issues, safety impacts, connectivity impacts (i.e. – portage installed around an obstruction). **(15 points)**

2. Are you willing to have your project plan assisted by our field assistant/designer and adapt project plan changes to be in accordance with established water trails and low-head dam planning principles in Iowa? Please refer to the Water Trails Development manual found at:
<http://www.iowadnr.gov/riverprograms/watertrails.html>. **(10 points)**

3. List any local contributions available for in-kind services (dump truck for hauling, spoils site, heavy equipment with operator) or materials available (rock, sign posts), and describe which project(s) each service applies to. **(15 points)**

4. Will this project make an existing area more sustainable over its life cycle (i.e. – lower-maintenance launch, reduced signage maintenance issues, etc.). **(10 points.)**

D. DRAWINGS/MAPS OF PROJECT AREA(S)

Please include a sketch-plan for each project area that may be of assistance. Please note approximate bank heights where appropriate, and show location in relationship to river's bend. Indicate a north arrow, and approximate scale. Note estimated quantities of materials that will be needed for the project if known. Additional pages may be attached if needed or any pictures or aerials of the site that may be helpful.

E. PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE PROJECT AREA(S)

Please attach any additional pages as needed.

Minority Impact Statement

Pursuant to 2008 Iowa Acts, HF 2393, Iowa Code Section 8.11, all grant applications submitted to the State of Iowa which are due beginning January 1, 2009 shall include a Minority Impact Statement. This is the state's mechanism to require grant applicants to consider the potential impact of the grant project's proposed programs or policies on minority groups.

**Please choose the statement(s) that pertains to this grant application.
Complete all the information requested for the chosen statement(s).**

- The proposed grant project programs or policies could have a disproportionate or unique **positive** impact on minority persons.

Describe the positive impact expected from this project

Indicate which group is impacted:

- Women
- Persons with a Disability
- Blacks
- Latinos
- Asians
- Pacific Islanders
- American Indians
- Alaskan Native Americans
- Other

- The proposed grant project programs or policies could have a disproportionate or unique **negative** impact on minority persons.

Describe the negative impact expected from this project

Present the rationale for the existence of the proposed program or policy.

Provide evidence of consultation of representatives of the minority groups impacted.

Indicate which group is impacted:

- Women
- Persons with a Disability
- Blacks
- Latinos
- Asians
- Pacific Islanders
- American Indians
- Alaskan Native Americans
- Other

- The proposed grant project programs or policies are **not expected to have** a disproportionate or unique impact on minority persons.

Present the rationale for determining no impact.

I hereby certify that the information on this form is complete and accurate, to the best of my knowledge: Name: _____

Title: _____

Definitions

“Minority Persons”, as defined in Iowa Code Section 8.11, mean individuals who are women, persons with a disability, Blacks, Latinos, Asians or Pacific Islanders, American Indians, and Alaskan Native Americans.

“Disability”, as defined in Iowa Code Section 15.102, subsection 5, paragraph “b”, subparagraph (1):

b. As used in this subsection:

(1) *"Disability"* means, with respect to an individual, a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more of the major life activities of the individual, a record of physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more of the major life activities of the individual, or being regarded as an individual with a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more of the major life activities of the individual.

"Disability" does not include any of the following:

- (a) Homosexuality or bisexuality.
- (b) Transvestism, transsexualism, pedophilia, exhibitionism, voyeurism, gender identity disorders not resulting from physical impairments or other sexual behavior disorders.
- (c) Compulsive gambling, kleptomania, or pyromania.
- (d) Psychoactive substance abuse disorders resulting from current illegal use of drugs.

“State Agency”, as defined in Iowa Code Section 8.11, means a department, board, bureau, commission, or other agency or authority of the State of Iowa.